







## FREE HOSPITALS COULD BE PROVIDED IN ALTA. IF BORDEN GIVES NATURAL RESOURCES

**Members of Opposition Ask That Revenue From Wild Land Tax Be  
Used for Hospital Purposes, But Amendment is  
Voted Down.**

"If the Dominion government would give us our natural resources, we could provide free hospitals, and there would be no need for taxation," was the reply of Hon. Chas. Stewart to the resolution moved in the legislature Thursday by Dr. Stanley, High River, and seconded by Geo. Hickey, Okotoks, that the revenue derived from the wild land tax be devoted to the establishment and main-

tenance of hospitals. The purpose of bringing land under cultivation, and he wanted to know from what better source revenue could be obtained than the land tax. He called the attention of the house to the fact that there was a provincial levy of 25 mills on the dollar in Winnipeg, which on the assessment of that district meant quite a considerable sum, and he asked, did the government of Alberta tax the business men of Ed-

The provincial treasurer, reminded the opposition that the government did not ask the rural municipalities for one dollar for provincial purposes, and that in Mani-

On a straight party vote the resolution was defeated by 28 votes to 12. Dr. Stanley formally moved, and Mr. Headley seconded, the following resolution: That in the opinion of this house the Wild Land Tax act should be amended to provide that the re-

Mentioning that the total sum received from the wild land tax was \$500,000, he said that when it was divided among the 90 rural municipalities it would only represent between \$5,000 and \$7,000 for each. In addition

here was the money spent on rural telephone construction, most of the profits coming from the city and town exchanges and the long-distance lines.

longed. Pointing out that the proposal had been brought forward after the estimates had been passed, Mr. Mitchell said that during the discussion of the estimate the opposition had been very strong. He said that the opposition had always advocated a division of the wild land tax with the rural municipalities, and that they now pledged themselves as a party, if returned to office, to use this money for the benefit of the country.

Hon. Chas. Stewart, stating that it was the object of the public works department to work more and more in co-operation with the municipalities, remonstrated the opposition that it had

It is possible to come. In the province of Alberta, said the provincial treasurer, there was no levy made by the government upon rural municipalities. "We do not ask any rural municipality to raise one dollar for provincial purposes," he said. "The province has not been for the building of railways into the parts of the province that were being settled. The settlers could not have even got medical attendance. If the Dominion Government would only give us our natural resources we

Dr. Stanley contended that the wild land tax should not have been diverted

On a division the resolution was lost on a straight party vote.

## HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS ASK

## LEAVE TO AID IN FARMING

**Approval of Trustees—Question of Teachers' Salaries is Left Over Until Future Meeting**

Under brothers and tends are serving the Empire overseas, and whereas we are unable to serve in this way, we are anxious to do our bit in some other material way on behalf of the Empire; consent was given for their absence.

The board approved of the application, and of the enthusiasm of the *lads*, but they were urged to return again if possible within five or six

This arose from the fact that Superintendent of Schools Carpenter informed the board that such an application was favored by a number of

be allowed leave of absence from school for the next ensuing term, on such conditions as may seem proper, in order that we may be able to contribute to the agricultural production of the community by an amount which he had just received. This stated that if I had been absent in certified farm employment for five weeks, and returned to take the examination, receiving 25 per cent of

This was the petition presented to the public school board on Thursday night and signed by 59 students of the historic high school. These of the

**GRANTS GIVEN TO MILITARY V. M. C. A.**

**MILITARY P. M. C. A.  
AND SAILORS' RELIEF**

**adian Patriotic Fund  
Also Remembered**

A grant of \$5,000 to the Military

The application of the Teachers' association for re-instatement of salaries was left over.

The Returned Soldiers' association would like the use of the old high school building on College avenue as a headquarters for the association. The board referred the application to the board of trustees of the school.

**EDMONTON SOLDIER DEAD**  
Pte. V. H. Robinson, 11816 65th  
street, Edmonton, previously reported  
missing, is now reported dead in the

**ONLY ONE LETTER  
DELIVERED TUESDAY**

Postmaster Armstrong announces that owing to tomorrow being Good Friday and a statutory holiday there will be only

A letter-carrier's delivery on Friday morning. The money order department and stamp vendor's wicket will be closed all day and the registration department and inquiry wicket will be

**Germs of Disease** should be promptly expelled from the blood.

Both of these communications were referred to the school management committee for report.

























